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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON FRENCH TOURISTS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 6423

1. EMB HAS HEARD BBC REPORT OF AN INSURGENT ATTACK ON A GROUP OF FRENCH TEACHERS IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA NEAR MOYALE. EMBOFF CALLED FRENCH EMBOFF PECHDIMALDJI FOR DETAILS. PECHDIMALDJI STATED EMBASSY KNEW LITTLE OTHER THAN A GROUP OF TEACHERS HAD BEEN DRIVING FROM ADDIS TO NAIROBI AND HAD BEEN ATTACKED IN ETHIOPIA NEAR THE KENYAN BORDER ON AUGUST 4. ONE FRENCHMAN WAS DEAD, ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED, TWO HAD LIGHT WOUNDS, AND ONE FRENCHMAN WAS MISSING.

2. PECHDIMALDJI STATED THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WAS LESS THAN COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE ATTACK. THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATORS IN MOYALE, HE SAID, PROFESSED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE INCIDENT. INFORMATION ON THE ATTACK APPA-
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RENTLY CAME FROM KENYAN SIDE OF THE BORDER.

3. AS A RESULT OF THIS ATTACK AND THE MAY ATTACK ON GERMAN
ROAD CONSTRUCTIONS WORKERS(SEE REFTEL, SEE PARA 1-K) EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS AGAINST TRAVEL TO ADDIS BY ROAD FROM KENYA, AND
VICE-VERSA, FOR THE PRESENT.
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